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In re application of : HIRAI, Fumiyasu et al.
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Filed : September 25, 2001
For : ENTEROTOXIN ADSORBENT, METHOD OF
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2002, for which a response is due on or before June 10, 2002 (June 8 being a Saturday), without extension of time, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the present application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the substitute specification submitted herewith as requested by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel non-elected claims 1-3 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) A method for adsorptive removal of an enterotoxin in a body fluid which comprises contacting an enterotoxin-containing body fluid with an

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